

## The Weather

It will be generally fair and colder today and tomorrow.  
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## FREE STATE HANGS FOUR IN REPRISAL FOR HALE'S MURDER

Quartet of Republican Leaders Summarily Executed at Dublin.

RORY O'CONNOR DIES WITH LIAM MELLOWES

Men Were Captured in Four Courts Battle of Last June.

HEATED DEBATE IN DAIL

Parliament, However, Finally Gives Its Full Support to Government's Action.

(By Associated Press.)  
DUBLIN, Dec. 8.—The hand of the Free State government fell heavily today upon four more recalcitrant Republicans.

Roderick (Rory) O'Connor and "General" Liam Mellowes, two of the leaders of the irreconcilables, and Joseph McKelvey and Richard Barrett, the constituted authorities of the Free State, were summarily executed in Mountjoy prison at 9:20 o'clock this morning under the decree of a court-martial hastily summoned to try them Thursday night.

The official report issued after the executions said the men had been put to death as a reprisal for the assassination in Dublin on Thursday morning of Sean Hailes, a member of the Dail and a solemn warning to those associated with them in the conspiracy of assassination against representatives of the Free State.

No official account of how the men met their doom has been forthcoming, but it is possible they were hanged, as it is reported O'Connor had been sentenced to the scaffold. Three priests were present to give the men religious consolation before they died.

**Captured at "Four Courts."**  
All four men were captured when Four Courts building, which had been seized by the Republicans, was taken by the government forces fighting last June. O'Connor and Mellowes were two of the prime leaders in the seizure and barricading of the building and holding it for days against the government forces.

The execution of the four men, admittedly as a reprisal for the assassination of Sean Hailes, shocked Dublin less by reason of the deaths of men who had been taken by the government than because of the announcement that they had been executed in reprisal.

**Parliament Gives Support.**  
Although many friends of the government express the fear that its new policy of quick action against the irreconcilables will only aggravate the situation, madden the Republicans and bring about a state of absolute anarchy, the Free State Parliament today gave its support to the government action against the four men, which was provoked by protests from the Labor party against the summary executions of the morning. President Cosgrave and several of the ministers during the debate put up an impassioned defense of the government's procedure.

Some of the important supporters of the government tonight expressed regret over the form of the official announcement of the executions, but in the debate in the Dail the tests were confined to the Labor leaders, aided by Gavan O'Duffy.

**SEARCH IN MOUNTAINS FOR MISSING FLYERS**

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN DIEGO, CAL., Dec. 8.—Grave fears for the safety of Colonel Francis C. Marshall and Lieutenant Charles L. Webber, who started from San Diego yesterday in an army airplane for Fort Huachuca, near Tucson, Ariz., was expressed by aviation officers at Rockwell Field today. Webber started from Rockwell Field at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, and since that time no word has been received of them.

Rockwell Field officers fear the two army officers had crashed in the ground among the mountains between here and Imperial Valley, in which event it is believed both men were killed. The plane, which was a two-place, piloted by aviators, have crossed the mountains numerous times, were dispatched from Rockwell Field to search the territory between San Diego and Yuma.

**NOTED SINGER DEFIES PROTESTS OF LEGION**

(By Associated Press.)  
OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 8.—Madame Johanna Gadsdi, noted singer, has announced here she will sing in Los Angeles December 11, despite the protests of the American Legion there. Madame Gadsdi declared she would begin action for damages against persons or publications spreading a false story as to the manner in which she received news of the sinking of the Lusitania.

The singer said she held a statement from the department of justice showing her status while residing in America never had been questioned by the authorities.

## "TEN OPPORTUNITIES" ARE PRESENTED FOR GENEROUS PUBLIC'S CONSIDERATION

The Times-Dispatch this morning presents the cases of ten Richmond families who are in destitute circumstances and who have the aid of a generous public. Every one of the "Ten Opportunities" has been investigated by the Associated Charities and found worthy of your help. Send any contribution you may wish, designating the particular opportunity in which you are interested, to the "Ten Opportunities Fund," The Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va., and it will be duly acknowledged through the columns of this newspaper. The opportunities, as selected by the Associated Charities, follow:

**OPPORTUNITY NO. 1.**  
The public is asked to contribute \$200 for the maintenance of a girl of 14. The girl was orphaned at the age of 10. She was not eligible to any orphanage, and, as she is a very talented child, we are anxious to give her a fair chance to make her own way in the world. Two hundred dollars will pay for the year of 1923 at the Fair Child's Contributions received yesterday, \$11.50.  
Total to date, \$23.

**OPPORTUNITY NO. 2.**  
We asked for \$500 for this same family last year and must ask for \$300 this year. Both the father and mother are in the hospital and are in a sanatorium at present. The oldest boy, 17, who was reported as having come home from the sanatorium in the appeal last year, is now well and working regularly. The five other boys, ranging in age from 10 to 2, are being boarded by the Associated Charities at an splendid country home. They are going regularly to school and are very happy and getting fat and rosy.  
Contributions received yesterday, \$5.  
Total to date, \$18.50.

**OPPORTUNITY NO. 3.**  
About a year ago a mother came to us in great distress. She had recently married and the stepfather of her five children was unwilling to support them and ordered her to get rid of them at once. We found he was ill treating the boys and some action had to be taken. We have since taken away to a boys' school and are anxious to raise money enough to give them a chance to grow up together.  
Two hundred dollars will support one of them at Covington during the year 1923.  
Contributions received yesterday, \$5.  
Total to date, \$15.

**OPPORTUNITY NO. 4.**  
Through illness and worry, this woman has been rendered practically dependent, and at present the Associated Charities is finding it difficult to pay her bills. She formerly lived not far from Richmond and has a house for which she has paid all but \$250. She is now in a hospital and is unable to work. We feel it would be mean more to pay her bills and that could be done for her benefit. Two hundred and fifty dollars, we believe, will restore this woman to health and enable her to care for her children.  
Contributions received yesterday, \$14.  
Total to date, \$37.50.

**OPPORTUNITY NO. 5.**  
A year ago the Associated Charities asked for \$200 to send a little girl of 9 to a boarding school. Her mother is a drug addict, who was unwilling to part from the child and would not hear of her being placed in a private home or orphanage. She was willing, however, to let her go away to school if we could finance the matter. We are most anxious to give her.

**WELLER NEEDED TO INFUSE ENTHUSIASM INTO PEOPLE**  
Member of Pickwick Club Might Create Stampede Toward Concerted Movement to Liquidate Amount Required for "Ten Opportunities."

It is quite probable that Samuel Weller, were he to bob up hereabouts just about this time, might be able to infuse enough of the Christmas spirit into the people to create a stampede toward the creation of a fund for the purpose of helping those who are unable to help themselves through no fault of their own.

All who remember the fine old Christmas party engaged in by the various members of the Pickwick Club, down on the farm of the Jolly old Mister Weller, where Joe, the fat boy, ate and slept away his valuable hours of his robust and care-free life, and where Mister Snodgrass, Mister Winkle, Mister Pickwick, Samuel Weller and Alfred Jingle made of life one great, care-free existence, where great red apples bobbed about in tempting bowls of punch and beer, and where hot mince pies and puddings, where holly berries by the million peeked out through running cedar, and where the warmth of the yuletide spread its comforts around, as the hunting party trotted in, fresh from the chase, sweating like race horses after a two-forty on the track upon a winter's morning.

**NOTED DEEDS OF KINDNESS.**  
It is but only a few days that the members of the Pickwick Club were noted for their deeds of kindness. They did not despise their worldly possessions through "charity." This was a life that they lived, they spread happiness through sheer force of pleasure. It did them good to do something for someone. They proved to the world that it is better to give than to receive, and, as a consequence, they went through life as free from guilt and as far from selfishness as they could possibly get. And what a life they led! Wherever they went, bright beams of sunshine followed. In spreading their Christmas spirit, they reaped their reward. No sleepless or restless nights for them. Observe Joe, the fat boy! Always on hand when there were good things being handed around, and it might be added that he was, accordingly, "on hand" most of the time. And dear old "Sammy," who sang and worked as he polished the gaiters of his master and his fellow clubmen. Never a complaint; an effort to shirk his little duties. Always participating in the pleasures of those for whom he labored. He profits most, who serves annually for maintenance.

## SETTLEMENT NEAR AS TURKS ACCEPT FREE STRAITS TREATY

Lausanne Conference Approaching Satisfactory Adjustment of Issues.

TCHITCHERIN CHANGES HOSTILE ATTITUDE

Parley's Atmosphere of Opposition Gives Place to One of Friendliness.

COMMERCE TO BE UNIMPEDED

Traffic Through Turkish Waters to Be Black Sea Under International Commission.

(By Associated Press.)  
LAUSANNE, Dec. 8.—Georges Tchitcherine, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, abandoned his previously extremely hostile attitude regarding the Dardanelles question at this afternoon's peaceful session of the Near East conference, and expressed approval of the Turkish proposals for regulation of the straits, with the reservation that he must see the plans of the sections covering the various points at issue before he could give full approval to them.

Japan today spoke for the first time on the straits problem. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese representative, said that Japan, as a power having great shipping interests in the Mediterranean, hoped for trade in the Black Sea and was vitally interested in the regulation of Near Eastern waters.

In Accord With U. S.  
He was entirely in accord with the words of Richard Washburn Child, the American ambassador, concerning the straits and the security of commerce in the Black Sea. He had listened with great delight to the statements of Ismet Pasha, on behalf of Turkey, who had approached the difficult problems in a sympathetic and conciliatory manner. Baron Hayashi added that the address of Lord Curzon, the British Foreign Minister, had assured him that a solution of the straits question was near.

Lord Curzon opened the session with a long, detailed review of the questions on which the Turks differed from the central plan and replied to questions on which Ismet Pasha had asked further information at the morning session.

Subjects for Experts.  
His address indicated that most of the questions on which the Turks and Turks differed were proper subjects for discussion in an informal way by military and naval experts, and expressed the opinion that such a discussion would bring forward the necessary technical information which would undoubtedly form the basis for agreement.

**FLAMES LAY WASTE THIRTY BUSINESS BLOCKS IN OREGON**  
Town of Astoria Suffers \$15,000,000 Loss—Two Lose Lives.

(By Associated Press.)  
ASTORIA, ORE., Dec. 8.—The business district of Astoria, the oldest city in Oregon, is in ruins, two are dead, hundreds of persons are homeless and property losses estimated at \$15,000,000 were caused by a fire here today which wiped out thirty blocks.

For ten hours the fire held sway, eating an ever widening path through the city until shortly after noon when dynamite stayed the flames. Banks, newspaper plants, hotels, stores, theaters and numerous buildings housing a variety of business places were destroyed. According to Fire Chief E. B. Foster, the fire got out of control because it burned the piling beneath the buildings upon which the business section of the city was built. He attributed the disaster to failure of the dynamite to fill in the space beneath the piling.

**MUST EAT A GOOSE A DAY FOR SIX DAYS**

(By Associated Press.)  
ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 8.—Louis Tazoli will today start serving his sentence of eating one goose a day for six days following his arraignment in Police Court here yesterday, because his flock of six domestic geese kept him awake with their hissing and honking.

**REPORT MANY KILLED BY QUAKE IN JAPAN**

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 8.—A severe earthquake at Kishu, the southernmost of the three principal islands of Japan, is reported in a Tokyo dispatch to the Central News. Many persons are said to have been killed or injured and hundreds of houses were destroyed.

## COAL COMMISSION ACTS TO HEAD OFF NEW COAL STRIKE

Mine Operators and Union Heads Are Called to Conference.

EXISTING CONTRACTS EXPIRE NEXT APRIL 1

Federal Body Moves Result of Mining Interests' Failure to Agree.

CONCESSIONS ARE SOUGHT

Efforts Will Be Made to Bring Permanent Accord in Fuel Industry.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Taking cognizance of conditions which indicate the possibility of another national coal strike in the bituminous mines after April 1, the United States Coal Commission today announced that mine operators and miners, union officials concerned would be invited to meet with it in Washington next week.

The session would mark the beginning of an endeavor to "procure mutual concessions in the interests of the common good," the announcement said, and was necessary because of the "grave danger that another paralysis of the business of the country is impending."

Action Follows Failure to Agree.  
Action by the commission followed the adjournment this week of a joint committee of mine operators and union officials, which met at Chicago, but failed to achieve a satisfactory preliminary arrangement for wage negotiations which would assure continuation of operations after April 1.

Representatives of the United Mine Workers of America in Washington were later informed that John L. Lewis, its president, would not be able to respond to the commission's invitation before Thursday. It is expected that conferences on the subject will be taken up then, and executive consideration of the situation.

**MOB BURNS NEGRO AT STAKE; ADMITS HE MURDERED GIRL**  
Captured After Six-Day Search in Which Hundreds Participate.

(By Associated Press.)  
PERCY, ILL., Dec. 8.—Charles Wright, negro, charged with the murder of Miss Ruby Hendry, young school teacher, was taken from the sheriff and burned at the stake at the scene of the crime today. He was estimated at several thousand men.

The negro, along with Albert Young, negro, was taken from the sheriff and his party as they returned to Percy to lodge the two men in jail. Wright had been arrested at Madison, Fla., early in the day, and Young was taken at Kinderhook, Ga. Capture of the two negroes came after a six-day search in which hundreds of men from Florida and Georgia counties and participated at one time or another.

**BISHOP WATERHOUSE REPORTED NEAR DEATH**

(By Associated Press.)  
KNOXVILLE, TENN., Dec. 8.—Early tonight the condition of Bishop R. G. Waterhouse, of the M. E. Church, South, who was struck by an automobile here late yesterday, was such that he was expected to survive but a few hours. The bishop sustained a fracture at the base of the skull, both bones of the right arm were fractured. He also suffered severe scalp wounds and contusions on his body. The bishop formerly was president of Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va.

**Valentino Must Meet Contract.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Rudolph Valentino, motion-picture actor, must abide by the terms of his contract with the Famous Players-Lasky Company. It was decided today by the appellate division of the Supreme Court. Valentino, through this decision, is enjoined from appearing with any other film corporation during the life of the contract.

## CLEMENCEAU SEES 'OVERTURE' BY HARDING IN HIS ANNUAL MESSAGE

Expresses Hope in Closing Washington Speech That Diplomacy Will Find Way to Bring U. S. Back Into European Affairs.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Georges Clemenceau, closing his visit to Washington this afternoon with a "formal" address, expressed the hope that diplomacy would find the way to bring America back into European affairs through what he interpreted as an "overture" by President Harding in the annual message. The executive had read to Congress a few hours earlier.

"I was greatly comforted," said the war-time premier of France, "when I read in the message of your President the following lines. They are not very long, but they are very suggestive: 'Peace is my aim.'"

He recalled the history of the war, paying tribute to the part America played in it, but declared that the United States had quit too soon, leaving upon Europe the responsibility for enforcing the treaty of Versailles, which he said was largely the work of American minds at the peace conference.

**DRYS MAKE CLEAN SWEEP IN HOUSE**  
Override All Supply Bill Amendments Offered by Wets.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Friends of prohibition, in complete control in the House, made a clean sweep today in knocking out amendments to the prohibition section of the Treasury supply bill, which they claimed were designed to weaken enforcement of the Volstead law.

Standing alone at times, Representative Hill, Republican, Maryland, sought to limit the money-spending activities of the prohibition unit, but his proposals were thrown out bodily after thirty minutes of bitterness. He said the manner of the law's enforcement was commended and commended.

Numerous references were made to the annual address to Congress delivered today by President Harding, and there was vigorous applause when members recalled that the President had said the eighteenth amendment was here to stay.

**Who Pushed Lewis Moffet in the Taxi Where He Was Found Dead By the Chauffeur?**  
Was it suicide? Was he murdered? What became of the quarter million dollars he held in trust for his beautiful wife? All these and many other baffling questions present themselves as you go deeper into the great mystery story which begins Sunday—

**"THE CORONER'S COCKTAIL"**  
By Arthur B. Reeve  
Get in on the fun from the start, read every installment, then solve the mystery and receive:  
\$25.00 for the best solution;  
\$15.00 for the second;  
\$10.00 for the third;  
\$5.00 for the next two.

**The Craig Kennedy Mystery Contest**  
First Installment Sunday  
Will prove a fascinating game and also provide you with the best of modern fiction.  
Here's the Plan  
This story begins tomorrow and will be continued in The Evening Dispatch through the following Friday. The last chapter, containing the author's solution, will be printed three weeks later, along with the solution submitted which comes nearest to that of the author.

Contestants will have two weeks for the submission of their solution. Then the author's last chapter, which is now in the vault of a large New York bank, will be telegraphed to this newspaper, the manuscripts compared and the prizes announced.

This series of mystery tales, with the contest feature, will continue for twenty weeks. Join in the game—test your wits—win one of the prizes perhaps every week. But remember, that you may miss one of the installments if you do not have your copy of The Sunday Times-Dispatch and The Evening Dispatch home-delivered. Phone Randolph 1 and place your order. The carrier will begin delivery immediately and collect the regular subscription price (\$5) at the end of each week.

## PRESIDENT URGES RAIL BOARD WORK BE GIVEN TO I. C. C.

Transportation, Law Enforcement, Farm Credits, Message High Spots.

SEES SCANDAL BREEDING IN LIQUOR LAW LAXITY

President Will Call Conference of Governors to Discuss Drink Situation.

FARM RELIEF WORK FIRST

Executive Calls for Present Session to Deal with Liquor, Farm, and Agriculture Financing.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Harding, addressing Congress in person today on the state of the Union, placed the transportation situation, prohibition enforcement, and farm credits in the forefront of the national problems pressing for solution.

Also he took occasion to reply directly to those whom he said had assumed that the United States had taken itself "aloof and apart, unworldly of world obligations." He declared these were "scandalous" for the "helpful part" America had assumed in international relations, referring particularly to the arms control situation.

**Scores Lack of Law Enforcement.**  
Of the prohibition situation, the executive asserted there were conditions which warranted a "scandalous" of national-wide scandal. He made no recommendations on this score, but announced his purpose to call an early conference of the governors of the States and Territories with the Federal authorities to formulate definite policies of national and State enforcement in the administering of the laws.

Declaring there was no problem exceeding in importance the one of transportation, Mr. Harding told Congress that he had directed plans to co-ordinate all transportation facilities—railroad and motor. As to the relief of the railroad problem, he suggested that the Federal Government, facilitated interchange of freight cars, and a consolidation of facilities generally.

**Would Abolish Rail Board.**  
Turning to the recent railroad strike, Mr. President proposed that the Federal tribunal dealing with disputes between the carriers and their workers be given ample authority to enforce its decisions. He voiced a preference for abolition of the Railroad Labor Board and placing of its function under an enlarged Interstate Commerce Commission. Should the decision be to continue this board in existence, however, he suggested that the partisan membership be abolished to the end that the tribunal be impartial and the headquarters moved from Chicago to Washington so there might be direct contact with the executive.

**Would Widen Farm Credits.**  
The only specific recommendation of the executive for enactment of legislation at this time, the session of Congress, related to the permanent establishment of widened farm credits. He urged that farm production credits and enlarged land credits through enlargement of the powers of the Farm Loan Board and extended to include a special provision must be made for live-stock production credits.

Other recommendations included: More rigid examinations of emigrants at embarkation ports. Federal assistance in the education of a constitutional amendment giving Congress authority over child labor.

**Would Halt Tax-Exempt Issues.**  
A constitutional amendment restricting the issue of tax-exempt securities by the Federal government, the States, municipalities and counties.

A study by Congress of the wide difference between production costs and prices to consumers. The survey of a plan to draft all the resources of the nation, human and material, for national defense. A fostering interest by the national government in constructive measures calculated to promote the utilization of steam, water and electric powers in the Eastern industrial region.

Favorable consideration of reclamation and irrigation projects where waste land may be made available for settlement and productivity. Co-operation between the Federal government, the various States and the owners of forest lands to the end that protection from fire should be made more effective and replanting encouraged.